Festival of France in India

3286. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Festival of France which was inaugurated in Bombay on the 3rd February, 89 would go on for a year as reported in the Indian Express of 4th February, 89;

(b) what amount had been spent for the festival of India in France and what is the amount India will spend on this festival of France; and

(c) what are the specific benefits in organising such big extravaganzas only in cities at the expense of rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Festival of France inaugurated in February 1989 is scheduled to end in November, 1989.

(b) An amount of Rs. 3.89 crores was spent on Festival of India in France and it is estimated that an amount of Rs. 4.19 crores will be spent on festival of France in India

(c) The programmes forming part of the festivals from abroad normally require large theatres, exhibition halls and Seminar Venues and as such are presented where these facilities are available. However attempts are made to cover as much of India as possible within these constraints. In the case of the Soviet festival in India as many as 63 towns were covered

Stopping of U.G.C. grants to the Centre of Advanced Study in Applied Mathematics, Calcutta

3287. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that grants/subsidy given by the UGC to the Centre of Advanced Study in Applied Mathematics, Calcutta University has been stopped since 1975; and

(b) if so the reasons therefor and the details of experts recommending this stoppage of funds and whether such a team included any expert in Applied Mathematics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Department of Applied Mathematics, Calcutta University was identified by the University Grants Commission as the first Centre of Advanced Study in Applied Mathematics in the year 1963-64. The Centre received support from the Commission for a period of 10 years. The progress of the Centre was assessed in 1974 by a Committee consisting of the following members:

(i) Prof. K. R. Ramanathan, T.I.F.R. Bombay.

(ii) Prof. B. Athreya, Deptt. of Applied Mathematics, IISc Bangalore.

(iii) Dr. D. Shankar Narayan, Additional Secretary, UGC.

The Centre was assessed as 'average' on the recommendations of the Assessment Committee and the Commission derecognised the Centre w.e.f. 1.4.74. However, on the basis of the performance of the Department of Applied Mathematics, Calcutta University, the Mathematics Panel of the U.G.C. again identified that Department for support under Special Assistance Programme in 1987. An expert Committee of the Commission visited the Department on 10.2.87 and on the basis of the

recommendations of the Committee, the Department of Applied Mathematics, Calcutta University was again brought under the Special Assistance Programme of the Commission and was declared as a Centre of Advanced Study by the U.G.C. in September, 1987.

Overused aircraft with Indian Airlines

3288. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Boeing aircraft which would be grounded by Indian Airlines according to the international guidelines;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines would get seven Airbuses by June this year; and

(c) if so, what is the total amount which has been earmarked for purchase of new aircraft for the coming 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) There are no international guidelines for grounding of Boeing aircraft on the basis of use.

(b) Indian Airlines will receive 4 Airbus A. 320 aircraft in June 1989.

(c) Indian Airlines has placed an order for the purchase of 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft at a project cost of Rs. 1238.37 crores, which includes the price of aircraft spare engines, etc. Besides, Indian Airlines also proposes to purchase 12 more Airbus A. 320 aircraft at a project cost of Rs. 959.73 crores including spare engines, etc.

Developing Pitampura T.V. Tower in Delhi as a tourist spot

3289. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pitampura T.V. Tower in West Delhi, the tallest tower in the country, is likely to be developed as a tourist spot;

(b) whether any infrastructural facilities for attracting the tourist traffic are being made in and around the area; and

(c) if so, by when the said Tower would be thrown open to the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Question is being examined in consultation with the Ministries concerned.

Entry of unauthorised persons in reserved compartments of trains

3290. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in several trains including the Southern Express unauthorised persons enter the IInd Class reserved sleeper coaches specially between Gwalior and Delhi and that the conductors take no action to prevent such unauthorised entry; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to ensure that unauthorised persons do not enter in reserved compartments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Some cases have come to notice.

(b) Apart from steps taken by conductors to detrain unauthorised passengers to the extent possible, special checks are also conducted with the assistance of RPF/GRP. During April, 1988 to February, 1989, 255 persons travelling unauthorisedly in reserved coaches between Delhi and Gwalior were apprehended and prosecuted.